## Southeast Region National Wildlife Refuges and the Federal Duck Stamp

Since 1934, the sales of Federal Duck Stamps have generated more than \$670 million, which has been used to help purchase or lease over 5.2 million acres of waterfowl habitat in the United States. These lands are protected in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Wildlife Refuge System.

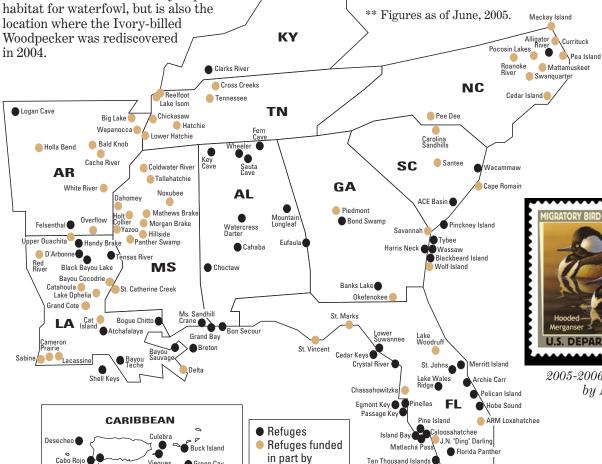
The Southeast Region is home to 128 of America's national wildlife refuges. Since 1934, more than \$201 million in Duck Stamp funding has been used to acquire more than 900,000 acres of land in the Southeast. Nearly half (59) of the national wildlife refuges in the Southeast have benefited from Federal Duck Stamp funding.

Duck Stamp dollars totaling \$38.7 million have purchased more than 45,000 acres at Cache River National Wildlife Refuge, making Arkansas the recipient of the most Duck Stamp funds in the Southeast.

Cache River NWR is not only important

State\* Acres Purchased **Total Refuge Percent of Total Duck Stamp** with Duck Acres in State Acres Purchased **Dollars Spent** Stamp Funding with Duck 1934 - 2005\*\* **Stamp Funding** 1934 - 2005 Arkansas 79,210 366,371 22% \$59,163,615 Florida 94,007 \$5,142,228 977,705 10% Georgia 357,318 482,390 74% \$2,737,484 2,039 21% Kentucky 9,461 \$418,450 22% Louisiana 124,138 569,942 \$35,919,591 \$42,752,862 Mississippi 92,893 226,600 41% North Carolina 81,337 402,200 20% \$22,794,788 South Carolina 34,680 165,224 21% \$2,067,582 36,372 118,956 31% Tennessee \$30,947,517 Total: 901.994 \$201,944,117

\* Federal Duck Stamp funds have not been used to purchase refuge lands in Alabama, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.



**Duck Stamps** 

Great White Heror

Crocodile Lake

National Key Deer

Sandy Point



2005-2006 Federal Duck Stamp by Mark Anderson



